

**Database and Operating System Independent Copying/Archiving Of A Web
Based Application**

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A web based application having non-file system structures is copied or archived by first initializing a file to store the web based application, including creation of a root directory within the file. Then, data directories are created under the root directory, and a number of storage data objects under the data directories are initialized for all non-file system structures of the web based application. Thereafter, the non-file system structures are copied and stored into the storage data objects. In embodiments where the web based application further includes files that are part of a file system, the files are stored as additional storage data objects under the root directory. Accordingly, database and operating system independence is achieved.